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JUDICIAL BRANCH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2025

The Judicial Council has adopted the following legislative priorities for 2025 to increase access to justice for court users.

1. Continue to advocate for sufficient funding, including for:

   a. Stable and reliable funding for courts to address annual cost increases in baseline operations and plan for the future; and

   b. Sufficient resources to improve physical access to the courts by keeping courts open; expanding access by increasing the ability of court users to conduct branch business online; increasing security to safeguard personnel, the public, and court systems from physical, online, and cyber threats; strengthening programs and services; and continuing to implement innovations in programs and services;

2. Continue to seek funding for judgeships overall and particularly for judicial officers in counties with the greatest need;

3. Continue to promote the availability of verbatim records of court proceedings by working collaboratively to address court reporter shortages and exploring innovations in technology;

4. Seek legislative authorization for the disposition of unused courthouses with the proceeds to be directed to the State Court Facilities Construction Fund or any other Judicial Council facilities fund authorized by the Legislature;

5. Continue to sponsor or support legislation to improve judicial branch operational efficiencies, including cost-savings and cost-recovery measures as well as the ability to conduct proceedings, in whole or in part, using remote technology to expand safe and reliable access to justice; and

6. Delegate authority to the Legislation Committee to represent positions on proposed legislation, administrative rules or regulations, and proposals by other bodies or agencies.